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DOH-WALTON VACCINATES OVER 500 OLDER ADULTS AGAINST COVID-19



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DeFuniak Springs, Fla. – Today, the Florida Department of Health, along with the Walton County Emergency Management and community volunteers, successfully vaccinated over 500 older adults against COVID-19. The Florida Department of Health in Walton County (DOH-Walton) coordinated a mass vaccination drive-thru clinic in DeFuniak Springs for individuals age 65 years old and older that was by-appointment only.

“Today was a great success in getting the vaccine out to the public,” stated Holly Holt, Health Officer and Administrator of DOH-Walton. “With already having exercised this capability in December with flu vaccine, this drive-thru clinic was orderly and implemented some of the lessons learned from the previous exercise.”

With the first week of COVID-19 vaccine clinics completed, DOH-Walton looks to increase mass vaccination clinics as supply becomes available.

At this time, DOH-Walton has have reached capacity to make appointments for the 1,300 doses of COVID vaccine available for those age 65 years old and older and frontline healthcare workers. More vaccine is expected in the near future. Once more vaccine is received, another appointment window for scheduling will be available. Walton County is creating an online appointment portal for future vaccine distributions. Appointment windows and the registration portal will be announced on the DOH-Walton website, walton.floridahealth.gov, and Walton County website, www.co.walton.fl.us. Updated information will also be shared on the Walton County Emergency Management Facebook page and with our news media and community partners.

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